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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1898.

A number of citizens have been heard to complain of the unusual amount of shooting and other unseemly noises in the city. Fire arms discharging is becoming a nuisance again and the periodical efforts to stop same will have to be brought from the closet.—Navasota Examiner.

Piracy ceased when the civilized nations agreed to make the pirate a world criminal to be hanged by anybody who might catch him. The murderous conspiracy called anarchism will cease with equal certainty whenever the civilized nations agree that anarchists shall have no refuge anywhere.—New York World.

Gen. Joe Wheeler very sensibly contends that the war is not over. Only an armistice has been proclaimed pending peace negotiations, the nature and effect of which it is impossible at this time to anticipate. In case Uncle Sam's demands are not accorded to another resort to arms will be the inevitable result.

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A BRAZOS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION.

Fair associations are usually founded by subscriptions for stock shares in such enterprises, and in those communities in which more than a thousand dollars can be secured at pay up shares, the success of a country fair is usually assured. But it is necessary to call out all of the public-spirited enterprising farmers and professional men in order to secure the necessary co-operation. In most cases it is better to make a beginning by holding at least one modest "stock show and farm exhibit," which will afford opportunity to gather together interesting and instructive county products, including horticultural, agricultural, livestock and minerals, and such collections of wood, etc., as may be available. Ribbon premiums may be given, and these, while costing little, excite interest and competition.

If a successful stock show and exhibit of this kind can be made during the summer season, there is little doubt that a good county fair can then be organized, and this will enlist wider interest because cash premiums can be offered, not only for agricultural and horticultural products, but also for needle work, cookery, and other forms of domestic art.

There can be nothing organized in this section that will do the farming classes more good than a well-managed county fair. The low price of cotton demands an immediate change in our present system of farming. The people must make the change for themselves. They can not do it at once, because, as a whole, they see no way to do it. They must co-operate and help each other before it can be done. There is now little unity of action or sentiment among the country people upon any one topic. A county fair will help to bring these straying human strings together, and we may finally expect a well-formed sentiment that will be strong enough to uplift the agriculture of Brazos county. In all of the good work, I am sure that the A. & M. College and its officers stand ready to assist in every practical way.

WORK WITH THE FARMERS' CONGRESS. In talking over this question of county fair with some of the prominent citizens of Bryan last spring, I suggested that this coun-

ty have an exhibition in connection with the Texas Farmers' Congress, which met at the College in July last. A special day was promised and some college exhibits were offered for use on that occasion, but the idea was not discussed sufficiently to cause any wide spread interest. The Farmers' Congress will meet at the College again next July and I am quite certain that the Executive Committee of that body will be pleased to indicate a day for holding a Brazos County Stock Show and Agricultural Exhibit in conjunction with the regular program. Am satisfied that should the people of the county attend such an occasion they would remain and enjoy the benefits of the very practical discussions that constitute the program of the swine breeders, horticulturists, cotton growers and other organizations that will be here represented by the best talent in Texas. A large number of people from this and near by portions of adjoining counties have stated their intention to camp on the college grounds during the next session of the Congress, and these people will be largely interested in and benefitted by a special exhibit gathered from this section.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Portions of this county are admirably adapted to fruit and vegetable culture, including peaches, berries, grapes, cauliflower, cabbage, melons, etc., and a handsome display of such products can be made, and such work will prove the value of our soil and climate to visitors from a distance. In other portions of Brazos county, cane, sorghum, alfalfa, corn, clover, peas, stock beets, turnips, tobacco and cotton grow to perfection. No other portion of our rich state can rival us in these soil products, but we do not use all of them to the best advantage. In some portions of the county there are excellent hogs, horses, and cattle, and something can be done at once to encourage the use of better sires for the stockmen of the county. A county fair will help to a large extent in this direction.

May we not in a short while ask the help of Madison, Grimes and Burleson counties in making our fair association the greatest possible success? What better plan can be formed by which to shape the ultimate workings of this important organization? Are not the interests of those counties identical with those of Bryan and Brazos county? We need not wait upon them however. We need to make a beginning now, and in order to do this every wide-awake, progressive man in the county who favors this form of industrial education should write to one of the county papers and make his wishes and ideas known. As suggested, we should carefully avoid racing circuits and anything that will tend to cause the people to lose sight of the instructive and beneficial features of such organizations. And just here it may be well to bear in mind the fact that if the "moral element" wishes to frown down some of the bad practices found in some of the county fairs in Texas, now is the time to do so in a practical way. Join in the effort and raise your voice and vote in behalf of the best moral and intellectual interests of our people.

J. H. CONNELLY,
Professor of Agriculture.
College Station, Texas, Sept. 28th.
Something Elegant.

Mr. H. S. Jenkins has just received an elegant apparatus for serving hot drinks which may be seen at the Kandy Kitchen. It is a magnificent piece of solid pottery made in Japan, richly decorated and silver mounted. It is a work of art in every respect and surpasses anything of the kind ever brought to this part of the state. It will be used for hot coffee, chocolate, beef tea with celery sauce, all kinds of hot sodas, phosphates, etc., and adds very materially to the attractions of the always popular and up-to-date Kandy Kitchen.

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FANNY DAVENPORT DIES IN MASSACHUSETTS.

The Noted Actress Passes Away at Her
Home From a Relapse of Her
Former Illness.

Duxbury, Mass., Sept. 26.—Fanny Davenport, (Mrs. Melbourne McDowell) died at her summer home, Melbourne Hall, at 10:30 last night of enlargement of the heart.

Miss Davenport had never fully recovered from her severe illness early in the summer, but up to a week ago it was thought she would in time enjoy good health again. A few days ago, however, a change was noticed. Since then she gradually sank. Her three sisters had already been notified and with her husband were at her bedside when she peacefully passed away.

Miss Davenport was the daughter of Edward Davenport, the famous American actor, and Fanny Elizabeth Vining Davenport, the equally famous American actress, and was born in London, April 10, 1850.

Can Enter Soldiers' Homes.

Milwaukee, Sept. 27.—The soldiers of the Spanish-American war when so disabled that they cannot care for themselves will be admitted to the national soldiers' homes. Senator John L. Mitchell says while the law provides national homes for disabled soldiers of the civil war, some discretion is given the board of managers of the homes, in a clause which permits such other soldiers to be cared for as in the judgement of the managers is deemed right. Under this ruling Senator Mitchell says the members of the regular army have been cared for at the homes until they were transferred to their homes at Washington and he says in his judgement the needy disabled soldiers of this war should be cared for at the home if they apply and room can be found for them. "It may be stretching the law a little," said the senator, "but it is in the interest of humanity."

Two Retirements Soon.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Rear Admiral Montgomery Stord will be retired Friday next. His retirement will cause no vacancy nor will that of Rear Admiral E. O. Matthews, who will be retired early next month.

Farmer Found Dead.

Beville, Tex., Sept. 27.—Henry Corbello, a prosperous farmer and stockman, was found by the roadside near

his home with his neck broken. The supposition is that he was thrown from his wagon and killed.

Night Sergeant's Narrow Escape.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 27.—Night Sergeant Nix had a narrow escape from death. He was shot at with a 28 caliber pistol at such close range that he was powder burned, the bullet missing him.

Farmer Killed to Death.

Guthrie, O. T., Sept. 27.—John Kiebler, aged 74, a prominent farmer, living south of here, was kicked to death by his horses while putting them in the stable on his return from church.

Joe Mixen is Dead.

Hillsboro, Tex., Sept. 27.—Joe Mixen, who was to have been tried at this term of the district court on a charge of the murder of John Mooring near Hubbard some years ago, is dead.

Killed in a Runaway.

Corsicana, Tex., Sept. 27.—Robert J. Watson was killed in a runaway accident near Eureka. He had hitched up a team of mules to do some hauling and the animals ran away.

Mallory Strike is Off.

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 27.—The strike at the Mallory wharf by the colored longshoremen was virtually declared off by the return to work of about 100 of the old employees.

Cyclone in Ontario.

St. Catharines, Sept. 27.—A cyclone struck this place with terrible violence Monday, killing three persons and injuring many. Many prominent buildings were wrecked.

Jury Failed to Agree.

Bryan, Tex., Sept. 27.—The jury in the case of Jesse Ellison, charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, Frank Sabbo, was dismissed because they failed to agree.

New York Republicans Meet.

Saratoga, Sept. 27.—The Republican convention met here today. Congressman Payne was chosen temporary chairman. A full state ticket will be nominated.

Mexican Woman Killed.

Laredo, Tex., Sept. 27.—A Mexican woman was run over and instantly killed by a street car in Monterey. Both the driver and conductor were jailed.

Killed Near Marshall.

Marshall, Tex., Sept. 27.—Tom Poppin was shot and killed on the Cooper place, 10 miles northeast of the city. Frank Lee was arrested and jailed.

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